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Online Resources:

- Online complaint form
- Checklist of common trade problems
- Texts of over 270 trade and related agreements
- Exporter Guides: brief explanations of selected trade agreements
- Market Access News
- Subscription to weekly *What's New* e-mail updates on trade-related news
- WTO standards notifications—*Notify U.S.*

Submit complaints online and tap the resources of the U.S. Department of Commerce's Trade Agreements Compliance Program to help you combat foreign trade barriers:

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click on
"Report a Barrier"

The International Trade Administration has as its mission the creation of economic opportunity for U.S. workers and firms by promoting international trade, opening foreign markets, ensuring compliance with trade laws and agreements, and supporting U.S. commercial interests at home and abroad.

Does your company face foreign trade barriers when exporting or investing abroad?

The Trade Agreements Compliance Program *Has Solutions*



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Are you facing unnecessary barriers to trade in foreign markets?

- Are foreign customs officials inappropriately classifying or valuing your products in assessing customs duties?
- Are unique and burdensome product, testing or certification requirements keeping your goods out of a foreign market?
- Are foreign government procurements being conducted in a way that is favoring a particular supplier?
- Are you experiencing difficulties protecting and/or enforcing your copyrights, trademarks, or patents in a foreign country?
- Are complicated, non-transparent import licensing procedures being used to impede or restrict access to a foreign market?
- Is your product facing a higher tax in a foreign market than similar locally produced products?
- Have foreign officials asked for or required local content in order to invest in that market?
- Are you having a problem with a rules of origin certification or marking requirement?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions, or if you are unsure about whether you are facing a foreign trade barrier, then ask the Commerce Department's Trade Agreements Compliance Program to help you. Use the TCC Web site to click on "Report a Barrier" for a free consultation at www.trade.gov/tcc.

Making trade agreements work for you

"Opening international markets to our goods and services is critical for our economy. My Administration will continue to work tirelessly to open markets and knock down barriers to free and fair trade."

—President George W. Bush,
Economic Report of the President, 2006

The **Trade Compliance Center (TCC)** is the gateway to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Trade Agreements Compliance Program — a network of Commerce Department and other U.S. government resources working together to reduce or eliminate foreign trade barriers.

How does the program work to overcome foreign trade barriers?

The TCC organizes a case-management team of U.S. government experts to pursue your case. These experts work with foreign governments to resolve your problems accessing foreign markets and ensure that your company receives the benefits of all U.S. trade agreements.

Our mission is to improve market access for U.S. workers, exporters, and investors and to ensure compliance by foreign governments with U.S. trade agreements.

"We could not have resolved our export difficulties to a key overseas market without the TCC's help."

— Val Twomey Hoyle
Burley Design Cooperative, Eugene, Oregon

Examples of Recent TCC Successes:

- Facilitated the release of a shipment of paper pulp that had been detained and misclassified by China's Customs Department.
- Assisted a U.S. company in persuading the Argentine government to withdraw an unnecessarily burdensome and costly requirement on toy packaging.
- Advocated successfully against the dramatic increase of fees on audiovisual products imported into Jordan.

"The Commerce Department played an important role preventing Pakistan from over-valuing our goods at Customs. This allowed us to keep our prices at competitive levels."

—Scott Phipps, Caterpillar Inc.,
Peoria, Illinois

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Visit our Web site to report a trade barrier or e-mail, call, or fax us to gain immediate assistance for your company:

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